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Lake County Jail Achieves Successful DOJ Audit

Waukegan, IL - Sheriff Mark C. Curran Jr. is proud to announce successful findings following a U.S. Department of Justice PREA audit at the Lake County Adult Correctional Facility. The audit was conducted on January 12-13 to determine compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act standards finalized August, 2012. A summary of the findings concluded the Lake County Jail met or exceeded all required standards and achieved a successful audit.

Audit Review

A complete tour of the facility was conducted on January 12, 2015. The following areas and operations were visited and observed: inmate living areas, medical operations, booking operations, transport operations, property room, holding cells laundry services, commissary, library, education areas, food service, barbershop, garden and food service operations.

Documents reviewed for this audit included policy, contracts, training curriculums, staff training records, personnel files, contract/volunteer training records, logbooks, meeting minutes, sexual abuse & harassment complaints. Camera monitoring operations were also examined.

Interviews were conducted with the Sheriff, Chief of Corrections, PREA compliance staff, medical staff, lieutenants, supervisors and corrections officers from each shift, investigators from the Criminal Investigations Division, classification and programming staff, contractual food service staff as well as 10 random and 3 selected inmates.

A Record of Accreditations

In 2012 the Lake County Adult Correctional Facility was awarded accreditation through the American Correctional Association (ACA) for operational services. In July 2014 the Lake County Adult Correctional Facility garnered a successful audit from the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) and was awarded accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) for health care services.

Lake County Jail Mission and Facts

The mission of the Lake County Sheriff's Adult Correctional Facility is to maximize community protection, public safety and victim's rights through the custodial supervision of sentenced individuals and pre-trial detainees utilizing direct supervision and innovative community-based management principles.

The Lake County Sheriff's Adult Correctional Facility houses up to 740 inmates and employs 214 staff. The average population is 578 males and females. Contract services provide medical care and food service operations. Housing consists of single cells, multiple occupancy cells, open dorm housing and 48 segregation beds. Booking contains six holding cells and two group cells.